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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL POSITIONS - FY 1973

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1. IN MID-1971 ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION WAS INCREASED TO FIVE OFFICERS AND TWO FSL'S. IN MID-1972 ONE FSO POSITION, SUPPLIED BY AID, WAS LOST.

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN TRYING TO COPE WITH INCREASED WORKLOAD AND GROWING IMPORTANCE ZAIRE AS MARKET FOR U.S. GOODS AND ATTRACTIVE CLIMATE FOR U.S. INVESTMENTS WITH LIMITED STAFF. BEGINNING FY 1974, ZAIRE BECOMES PILOT COUNTRY FOR INTENSIVE PUSH ON PROMOTION U.S. EXPORTS AND INVESTMENTS. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT WE NEED AT LEAST SAME FSO STAFF WE HAD TWO YEARS AGO TO PERFORM ADEQUATELY THIS VITALLY IMPORTANT ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL FUNCTION.

3. SINCE OUR CCP FOR FY 1974 INCLUDES EXPANSION OF COMMERCIAL LIBRARY INTO TRADE INFORMATION CENTER, ONE MOR FSL WILL BE NEEDED EVEN BEFORE FY 1975 IF CENTER IS TO OPERATE SUCCESSFULLY.

4. THESE POINTS DISCUSSED WITH DON SPIGLER DURING HIS RECENT VISIT HERE, AND HE WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH US ON OUR NEEDS. HOPE YOU CAN CONVINCE OTHERS THAT ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION CANNOT PERFORM ITS LARGER ROLE AS I
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